

Wednesday, April 5, 1950

HIGHLIGHTS

By vote of 58 to 15 Senate passed displaced-persons bill.

House continued debate on general appropriation bill.

Bills on rice-marketing quotas and Indian rehabilitation approved by House committees.

Conferees reached agreement on housing bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Fifteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3359 to S. 3373; S. Con. Res. 85; and S. Res. 250 and 251. Pages 4722, 4803

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2079, private bill (S. Rept. 1432); and

S. Res. 249, to explore extent to which interstate commerce is utilized in law violation—referred to Committee on Rules and Administration (no written report). Pages 4721, 4722

Bills Placed on Calendar: H. R. 3771 and H. R. 4959, private bills, were ordered placed on the calendar. Page 4729

Bills Referred: Thirty-two House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees. Page 4729

Displaced Persons: By 58 yeas to 15 nays, Senate passed H. R. 4567, to amend the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, after adopting by 47 yeas to 25 nays, the Kilgore substitute for the committee-reported version of the bill.

Before adopting the Kilgore substitute, the Senate took the following actions on amendments to it:

Adopted by voice vote: Ferguson amendment barring entry of any DP who is ineligible or subject to exclusion; Ives-Myers amendments (1) respecting certain residents of Venezia Giulia, and (2) to increase nonquota visas to 344,000; Robertson amendment permitting temporary admittee to be given permanent status under certain conditions; Taft amendment respecting admission of German ethnics; Ferguson amendment barring admission of German ethnics from Russian zones of Germany and Austria; modified Jenner amendment to abolish Displaced Persons Commission on August 31, 1951; Langer amendment providing that quotas of German ethnics shall be computed on annual rather than monthly basis; McCarran amendment requiring anti-persecution oath; Langer amendment respecting Palestinian Arab students; Humphrey amendment specifying those to whom special nonquota visas may be issued (this amendment was first rejected, following which

it was adopted after motion to reconsider was carried 42 yeas to 32 nays); 3 McCarran amendments respecting assurances by U. S. citizens; 11 McCarran amendments (1) respecting native Czechs, (2) respecting definition of eligible displaced orphans, (3) changing from 19 to 16 age of eligible displaced orphans, (4) respecting DP's recently located in China, (5) respecting DP's residing in Britain, (6) respecting qualifications for admission into U. S. for permanent residence, (7) respecting entrance of DP's into European countries, (8) regarding DP's of European national origin, (9) requiring non-Communist oath of DP's, (10) providing that RFC loans to finance transportation of DP's shall bear 3 percent interest after maturity, and (11) requiring oath that DP has never engaged in persecution; Withers amendment defining a DP; and O'Connor amendment to discourage fraud for admission.

Rejected: By 35 yeas to 43 nays, Cain amendment to change cut-off date from January 1, 1949, to April 21, 1947; by voice vote, McCarran amendment respecting DP's from occupied zones; by voice vote, a series of three Langer amendments respecting admission of certain Arab DP's; by 24 yeas to 47 nays, Malone amendment requiring same supervision of DP's as is followed in immigration-quota systems; by 24 yeas to 46 nays, McCarran amendment respecting definition of DP's; by voice vote, McCarran amendment regarding cause of displacement; by voice vote, McCarran amendment establishing a joint congressional committee on German ethnic DP's; by voice vote, Langer amendment barring additional DP's dependent upon labor and housing situations; by 34 yeas to 40 nays, Chavez amendment to include certain Spanish refugees as eligible DP's; by 27 yeas to 47 nays, Hunt amendment regarding preference categories and providing for hearings on complaints; and by voice vote, Douglas amendment authorizing RFC to make advances not to exceed \$5,000,000 for expenses of transportation of DP's.

The following action was taken on the committee-reported bill before the Senate adopted the Kilgore substitute in lieu of the committee-reported bill.

Adopted following committee amendments by voice vote: amendment No. 4 striking out section II of the

House bill defining eligible DP's; amendments Nos. 5-11 repealing section of Displaced Persons Act of 1948 defining DP's and changing definitions in House bill of eligible displaced orphans; by voice vote, amendment No. 16 eliminating provision that use of 50 percent of quotas shall begin on July 1, 1954; amendment No. 17 regarding nonpreference portion of immigration quotas and adoption of aliens by certain American servicemen or employees; amendments Nos. 26-33 providing for resumption of consular representation in Germany and Austria for immigration purposes; amendments Nos. 34-36 barring visas to certain persons; amendments Nos. 44 and 45 including eligible displaced orphans among those whose transportation is to be paid for by RFC advances; and amendment No. 46 establishing a joint congressional committee on German ethnic DP's; and 13 technical amendments.

After action had been taken on all committee amendments to the reported bill, the bill as so amended was further amended by voice vote as follows: McCarran amendment adding another category of DP's; McCarran amendment respecting former Polish soldiers in Britain; McCarran amendment respecting qualifications for admission into the U. S.; McCarran amendment exempting payment of visa fees and head taxes; McCarran amendment authorizing \$10,000,000 to finance transportation of DP's from Germany or Austria; Robertson amendment permitting temporary admittee to be given permanent status under certain conditions; and McCarran amendment affecting definition of eligible DP's.

Rejected following committee amendments and amendments thereto: By 37 yeas to 48 nays, amendment No. 1 of a technical nature; by 38 yeas to 47 nays, amendment No. 2 of a grammatical nature; by 37 yeas to 48 nays, amendment No. 3 changing definition of eligible DP's after adopting by division vote Knowland amendment thereto to add another category of DP's; by 40 yeas to 45 nays, Cain amendment to a committee amendment so as to change cut-off date from January 1, 1949, to April 21, 1947; by 39 yeas to 45 nays, amendment No. 12 providing for 320,000 DP's without regard to quota limitations, after adopting by voice vote, Knowland amendment thereto adding another category of DP's and increasing to 324,000, nonquota DP's; by 37 yeas to 44 nays, amendment No. 15 providing that not more than 50 percent, rather than 25 percent, of any quota shall be used in any fiscal year; by voice vote, amendments Nos. 18 and 19 barring discrimination or favoritism on account of religion; by 33 yeas to 49 nays, amendment No. 24 regarding eligible DP's engaged in agriculture; by 41 yeas to 42 nays, amendment No. 25 requiring investigation of DP's before admission; and by voice vote, modified Humphrey amendment to committee amendments so as to specify those to whom special nonquota visas may be issued.

After action had been taken on all committee amendments to the committee-reported bill, the following

McCarran amendments to the bill thus amended were rejected: By voice vote (1) amendment respecting DP's from occupied zones; by 41 yeas to 42 nays, (2) amendment respecting assurances by citizen of U. S.; by 32 yeas to 46 nays, (3) amendment authorizing \$5,000,000 for transportation of DP's of German ethnic origin; by 17 yeas to 61 nays, (4) amendment barring additional DP's dependent upon labor and housing situations, and by 28 yeas to 49 nays, (5) amendment barring additional DP's when unemployment in U. S. exceeds 6,000,000.

Senate asked for a conference and appointed as conferees Senators McCarran, Kilgore, O'Connor, Wiley, and Ferguson.

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Nominations: Nomination of Thomas K. Finletter, of New York, to be Secretary of Air Force, was received along with 302 other civilian nominations, and the withdrawal of 1 postmaster nomination.

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Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—VA, AND FEDERAL REPORTS ACT

Committee on Appropriations: Continuing hearings on its portion of the omnibus appropriation bill, the Subcommittee on Independent Offices Appropriations heard Dr. Stuart A. Rice, Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget in Charge of Statistical Standards, and assistants, discuss accomplishments under the Federal Reports Act. Gen. Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator, and assistants, all of the Veterans' Administration, testified in justification of 1951 budget estimates for the VA. Subcommittee continues hearings tomorrow on the estimates for the VA.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations continued hearings on its portion of the omnibus appropriation bill, receiving testimony from various witnesses, as follows: Representative Phillips of California on funds for the All-American Canal, Coachella division, and for Indians in California, and Representative Scudder on proposed appropriations for California Indians. The following witnesses discussed estimates for a fish research project: Francis W. Sargent, director, Division of Marine Fisheries, Department of Conservation, Massachusetts; Thomas D. Rice, Massachusetts Fisheries Association, Inc.; Patrick J. McHugh, secretary-treasurer, Atlantic Fishermen's Union, A. F. of L., Boston; and Andrew W. Anderson, Chief of the Branch of Commercial Fisheries, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. James Boyd, Director, Bureau of Mines, appeared in justification of 1951 estimates for the Bureau of Mines; and Thomas B. Nolan, Acting Director, Geological Survey, on 1951 estimates for the Geological Survey. Hearings continue tomorrow.

REORGANIZATION PLAN NO. 12—NLRB

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Committee received further testimony in support of the adoption of S. Res. 248, which would disapprove the President's Reorganization Plan No. 12, relative to NLRB, with particular reference to transfer of duties of the Office of General Counsel to the Chairman of the NLRB, from the following witnesses: Hoyt Steele, committee on labor relations, U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Alexander E. Wilson, attorney, of Atlanta; Lambert H. Miller, counsel, National Association of Manufacturers, Washington; and James D. Marshall, assistant managing director, Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., Washington. Hearings continue tomorrow.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Finance: Committee met in executive session to continue marking up for reporting H. R. 6000, to extend and improve the Federal old-age and survivors insurance system, and to amend the public-assistance and child-welfare provisions of the Social Security Act, but made no announcement of action taken. Committee meets again on this bill on April 10.

It voted to report the nomination of John O'Keefe to be collector of customs at Pembina, N. Dak.

STATE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Continuing hearings in pursuance of S. Res. 231, to authorize the Foreign Relations Committee to investigate alleged disloyalty of certain State Department personnel, the subcommittee heard the following officials discuss the loyalty program and the procedures used thereunder for checking loyalty of Government employees: Donald Nicholson, Chief, Division of Security, Office of Consular Affairs; Brig. Gen. Conrad E. Snow, Chairman of State Department Loyalty Security Board; and Seth Richardson, Chairman of Loyalty Review Board, Civil Service Commis-

sion. Hearings continue tomorrow when Owen J. Latimore will testify.

FISHERIES

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. 2801, to give effect to the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries of February 8, 1949, receiving testimony generally in opposition to the bill from the following witnesses, who suggested amendments: Patrick McHugh, secretary-treasurer, Atlantic Fishermen's Union, A. F. of L., Boston; Capt. Rudolph Matland, skipper of a fishing trawler; and Thomas D. Rice, executive secretary, Massachusetts Fisheries Association, Inc., Boston, in behalf of Federated Fishing Boats of New England and New York, Inc.

**LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS—
PERSONNEL**

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee met in executive session to consider personnel problems. It adopted a set of "rules of fair procedure" for its hearings. Subcommittee meets again tomorrow.

**CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL POLICY, AND
EFFICIENCY RATINGS**

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee held further hearings on S. 2111, revising personnel policy governing the Civil Service Commission and the pay administration policy of the executive branch, and received testimony in support of the bill from Matthew Devine, partner of Cresop, McCormick & Patet, maintenance engineers, New York. Harry M. Leet, Government Workers Union, CIO, Washington, appeared in opposition to the bill. Robert J. Lacklen, personnel officer, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, discussed the efficiency rating proposal submitted by the Civil Service Commission, but suggested a new one in its stead.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-two public bills, H. R. 8018-8039; six private bills, H. R. 8040-8045; and five resolutions, H. J. Res. 451 and 452, and H. Res. 539-541, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Conference report on H. R. 4692, to provide for the extension of the term of certain patents of persons who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during World War II (H. Rept. 1880);

H. Res. 436, authorizing additional \$50,000 for House Select Committee on Small Business (H. Rept. 1881);

H. Res. 461, providing for study to be made of the need for a conveyor belt between Capitol and House Office Buildings (H. Rept. 1882);

H. Con. Res. 125, authorizing Committee on Judiciary to have printed 5,000 copies of hearings on Study of Monopoly Power (H. Rept. 1883);

H. R. 5943, approving \$200 marker for grave of Constantino Brumidi (artist who painted many decorations in Capitol) (H. Rept. 1884);

H. Con. Res. 186, authorizing placing of statue of Brigham Young to Statuary Hall (H. Rept. 1885);

H. Res. 535, to pay 6 months' salary and \$350 toward defraying funeral expenses of a recently deceased House employee (H. Rept. 1886);

H. Con. Res. 192, authorizing Committee on Ways and Means to have printed 1,000 additional copies of hearings relative to revenue revision (H. Rept. 1887);

H. R. 7941, to authorize appropriations for continuing the construction of highways (H. Rept. 1888);

H. R. 6278, to make cancer and all malignant neoplastic diseases reportable to the D. C. Health Officer (H. Rept. 1889);

H. R. 7623, authorizing D. C. Commissioners to appoint to the District Boxing Commission a retired member of the Metropolitan Police force (H. Rept. 1890);

H. R. 7881, regulating the disposal of dead human bodies in the District of Columbia (H. Rept. 1891); and

Conference report on S. 2734, to promote the rehabilitation of the Navajo and Hopi Tribes of Indians (H. Rept. 1892).

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Administrative Resolutions: The House today considered and adopted the following resolutions from the Committee on House Administration:

H. Res. 436, authorizing additional \$50,000 for House Select Committee on Small Business.

H. Res. 461, providing for study to be made of the need for a conveyor belt between Capitol and House Office Buildings.

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Military Housing: Adopted committee amendments and passed H. R. 7846, to amend title VIII of the National Housing Act to encourage construction of rental housing on or in areas adjacent to Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force installations.

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General Appropriations: Continued consideration of H. R. 7786, making appropriations for the support of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, and debated the measure for nearly 4 hours before adjourning.

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Order of Business: By unanimous-consent request, it was agreed that general debate on H. R. 7786, the general appropriation bill for 1951, be concluded when the House adjourns on Thursday; also that the appropriation bill have priority over all other privileged business, except conference reports, until final disposition of the measure.

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Bill Rereferred: The Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H. R. 743, a private bill, which was then referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Housing: Permission was granted that conferees have until midnight to file a conference report on S. 2246, proposing amendments to the National Housing Act affecting mortgage insurance (H. Rept. 1893).

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Committee Meetings

LAND TRANSFERS—FORESTRY—RICE

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported favorably to the House:

H. R. 5913, exchange of certain Federal lands in Ross County, Ohio;

H. R. 4969, conveyance by the Agriculture Department of certain lands in Perry and Yell Counties, Ark., to the Department of the Army;

H. R. 7155, authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to cooperate with the States to enable them to provide technical services to private forest-land owners; and

H. R. 7700, to amend the rice marketing quota provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938.

D. C. RECREATION

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Health, Education, and Recreation held executive consideration of H. R. 5968, to vest in the D. C. Commissioners control over all public swimming pools, playgrounds, and parks situated in the District of Columbia. Took no action on the bill and adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

EDUCATION AID

Committee on Education and Labor: Special Subcommittees Nos. 1 and 2 held further executive considera-

tion of H. R. 7940, providing financial assistance for local educational agencies in areas affected by Federal activities. Will continue tomorrow morning on this subject.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Education and Labor: Lucas Subcommittee on School Construction concluded consideration, at this time, of legislation which would authorize appropriations for grants and loans to assist States in providing adequate public-school facilities. Resident Commissioner A. Fernós-Isern, of Puerto Rico, testified today along with Mrs. Jack Fahy, executive director, American Parents Committee, and Walter Mason, legislative representative, American Federation of Labor. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

PETROLEUM

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Officials of the State Department appeared today before the Subcommittee on Petroleum and Federal Power in connection with its petroleum study. Meeting with the subcommittee were Willard L. Thorp, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, and Robert H. S. Eakens, Chief, Petroleum Policy Staff, Office of International Trade Policy. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 3 approved 11 private claims bills of the House for reporting to the full committee. One claim bill was reported adversely.

GREAT LAKES SHIPPING

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Maritime Affairs continued hearings on H. R. 7474, and related bills, to aid the development and maintenance of American-flag shipping on the Great Lakes. Miles McKee, representing the Wisconsin-Michigan Steamship Co., and Robert H. Smith, traffic commissioner, Duluth (Minn.) Chamber of Commerce, appeared today in favor of the legislation. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

LAND TRANSFERS—INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

H. R. 6247, private land transfer bill;

H. R. 7984, authorizing conveyance to Miles City, Mont., certain lands in Custer County, Mont.;

H. R. 6515, amended, to provide for the rehabilitation of the Five Civilized Tribes of Eastern Oklahoma; and

H. R. 6209, amended, to authorize the commutation of the annual appropriation for fulfilling various treaties with the Choctaw Nation of Indians in Oklahoma.

Prior to the above action taken by the full committee, the Subcommittee on Indian Affairs held hearings and approved the two bills (H. R. 6515 and 6209) relating to Oklahoma Indians. Testifying on these bills were Representatives Stigler and Albert, authors of the respective measures, and William Zimmerman, Jr., Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Joint Committee Meetings

SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Conferees on S. 247, to establish the National Science Foundation, met again in executive session to work out differences between the House- and Senate-passed versions of the bill, but did not conclude their work. They recessed over until the 19th.

HOUSING

In late session, *Conferees* on S. 2246, proposing amendments to the National Housing Act affecting mortgage insurance, agreed to file conference report on differences between the House- and Senate-passed versions of the bill. The House gave its conferees until midnight tonight to file the report.

In today's session, the conferees reached the following agreements: Confirmed previous tentative agreement of \$250,000,000 for FNMA for purchasing (not making commitments for) mortgages. In general, 50 percent of portfolio of FHA mortgages may be purchased and 100 percent of GI mortgages under sections 501 and 502 of the GI bill of rights. The House conferees receded from their amendments which would have required 150 permanent war-housing projects to be offered for private sale for 6 months before being made available to local housing authorities for low-rent housing. Interest rate on loans to colleges was compromised at the going Federal rate of interest plus one-fourth of 1 percent to cover administrative costs. The House conferees receded from their position and concurred in Senate amendment to section 506 to the bill which would give the President power to curtail the program at his discretion. They agreed that combination VA-FHA insurance for loans under section 505 (a) of the GI bill of rights would be terminated December 31, 1950, or such earlier date as fixed by the VA. For further details see DIGEST, pages 225 and 230.